Losses of textile mills under NTC

57. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR LA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loses of mills run by NTC have come down during the last financial year;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether the losses hive come down, due *to* the selling of surplus land or by achieving the target oi production; and

(d) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUM DEO NARAYAN YA.DAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the year 1989-90, the NTC Mills incurred net losses amounting to Rs. 2W6.66 crores as compared to Rs. 311.66 crores during 1988-89, a reduction of about 34 per cent.

(c) and Cd) No, Sir. The reduction in losses has not been due to sale of surplus land. The improvement has been made possible by the strategy pursued by the Corporation which covers, inter alia, pruning of uneconomic activities, improving utilisation of viable and economic activities, increasing yarn production, product-upgradation, increasing price realisation, rationalisation of labour and effecting economies in purchase of cotton etc.

lteview of Export-Import policy

58. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be! pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to review the current Export-Import ptilicy to remove the lacunae;

(b) if so, what are the details of the changes proposed to be made in the existing Export-Import policy; and

(c) to what extent the proposed changes are likely to boost exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) Review of Import and Export Policy is a continuous process and necessary corrective measures are taken, from time to time, inter-alia with a view to support exports and lo restrict non-essential imports. While reviewing the policy, every effort is being made to encourage rapid and sustained export growth.

Revitalisation of export promotion councils

59. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR-. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

ia) what has been the concrete contributions of different Export Promotion Councils in the last three years;

(b) whether there are any plans to revitalise their working: and

(c) what steps have been taken to make them achievement oriented?

"THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) The Export Promotion Councils are service Organisation *to* help the exporters by providing them market intelligence organising delegations, study teams, Seminars etc. and also by Organising participation in Trade Fairs/Exhibitions. The Seminars and Workshops organised by Export Promotion Councils include programmes for educating exporters on policies and procedures announced by Government from time to time and also for making recommendations to concerned agencies for resolving the problems that arise in promotion of exports. The activities of the Export Promotion Councils are reviewed at